

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents  
**From:** Board Office  
**Subject:** Name Change of Master's and Ph.D. Degrees in the College of Public Health  
**Date:** September 5, 2000

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the University of Iowa's request to change the name of the degree major and designated code for Master's and Ph.D. degrees in the College of Public Health.

**Executive Summary:**

The University of Iowa is requesting to change the name of the Master's and Ph.D. degrees in the College of Public Health. The change from a Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health to a College of Public Health (CPH) requires a change in the name of the degree major and designated code for Master's and Ph.D. degree programs to satisfy accrediting requirements and so that students receiving CPH degrees are better positioned for jobs and careers in the public health fields.

Degrees offered in Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health (PMEH) have a designated major with no way to designate the allowed areas of specialization: Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Occupational and Environmental Health, and Industrial Hygiene. Students will now receive degrees from the new College of Public Health with majors specified in the various specialty areas. The Master's in Health Administration currently offered will become a Master's of Health Management and Policy within the CPH. The Ph.D. in Hospital and Health Administration will change to a Ph.D. with a major in Health Management and Policy.

Below is a summary of the requested changes in degree majors for students previously enrolled:

<u>Degree (Specialization)</u>	<u>Current Major (Code)</u>	<u>Proposed Major (Code)</u>
M.S. (Biostatistics)	Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health (063)	Biostatistics (171)
M.S. (Epidemiology)	Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health (063)	Epidemiology (173)
M.S. (Occupational and Environmental Health)	Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health (063)	Occupational and Environmental Health (175)
M.S. (Industrial Hygiene)	Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health (063)	Occupational and Environmental Health (Industrial Hygiene specialty) (175)
M.H.A. (Health Administration) (Similar change in coding required for joint degrees with MBA, JD, MA in Urban and Regional Planning)	Hospital & Health Admin. (080)	Health Management and Policy (174)
Ph.D. (Biostatistics)	Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health (063)	Biostatistics (171)
Ph.D. (Epidemiology)	Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health (063)	Epidemiology (173)
Ph.D. (Occupational and Environmental Health)	Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health (063)	Occupational and Environmental Health (175)
Ph.D. (Industrial Hygiene)	Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health (063)	Occupational and Environmental Health (Industrial Hygiene specialty) (175)
Ph.D. (Hospital and Health Administration)	Hospital & Health Admin. (080)	Health Management and Policy (174)

These are not new degrees but rather changes that reflect the relocation of the degree programs from the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health to the College of Public Health.

There are no major costs as a result of this proposed change nor program changes other than those noted.

  
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